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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLENE FERREIRA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC. and
DOES 1 to 50,

Defendants.

Case No.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION
UNDER 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 AND 1446(b)
BASED ON DIVERSITY OF
CITIZENSHIP UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1332
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.
(hereinafter "HOME DEPOT"), by and through its counsel, hereby remove the above-
captioned action from the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County
of San Mateo, to the United States District Court, Northern District of California, for the
reasons described below:

1. HOME DEPOT is a named Defendant in a civil action pending against it in
the San Mateo County Superior Court, entitled *Charlene Ferreira vs. Home Depot
U.S.A., Inc.*, Case No. 21-CIV-00278.

2. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the Complaint.
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC. timely filed an Answer to the Complaint. (**Exhibit B.**)

3. Venue is proper in this Court because the boundaries of the United States
District Court for the Northern District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 84(b)

1 include San Mateo County.

2 4. Following the filing of this Notice of Removal of Action, written notice of
3 this filing will be served on counsel for Plaintiff and will be filed with the Clerk of the
4 Superior Court of California for the County of San Mateo, in accordance with 28 U.S.C.
5 § 1446(d).

6 JURISDICTION

7 5. This is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction under
8 28 U.S.C. § 1332. This case may be removed to this Court by HOME DEPOT pursuant to
9 the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441(b) and 1446 in that it is a case that could have been
10 commenced in federal court based on diversity of citizenship.

11 6. Diversity jurisdiction applies for the following reasons:

12 a. At all times relevant to removal jurisdiction, Plaintiffs are and were
13 residents of the State of California.

14 b. Both at the time that this action was commenced and at this time,
15 HOME DEPOT was incorporated in Delaware and has its principal place of business in
16 Georgia. HOME DEPOT's corporate offices are located in Atlanta, Georgia, where its
17 finance, accounting, purchasing, treasury, marketing, training, human resources,
18 information systems, internal audit, and legal departments are located, making policy
19 decisions that affect the entire company. "[P]rincipal place of business' refers to the
20 place where a corporation's officers direct, control, and coordinate the corporation's
21 activities... i.e., the 'nerve center.'" (*Hertz Corp. v. Friend*, 130 S.Ct. 1181, 1184 (U.S.,
22 2010).) "For purposes of removal... the citizenship of defendants sued under fictitious
23 names shall be disregarded." (28 U.S.C. §1441(a).)

24 c. Plaintiff is claiming a hip or leg fracture and at least two surgeries. A
25 demand in the amount of \$925,000.00 was made at mediation on March 10, 2021.

26 Accordingly, it is reasonably ascertainable that the amount in controversy in this case
27 exceeds the \$75,000.00 threshold specified in 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

28 7. Based on the foregoing, the matter is removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

1 §§ 1332 and 1446(b).

2 WHEREFORE, the undersigned requests that the action described above be
3 removed in its entirety to this Court for all further proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
4 § 1441, et seq.

5 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

6 Defendant demands a jury trial of 8 jurors pursuant to Federal Rules of Court,
7 Rule 48.

8 DATED: March 26, 2021

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